

SENATE BILL 1243

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153, relative to court files and records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153(f)(1)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language “eighteen (18)” and substituting instead the language “seventeen (17)”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153(f)(3), is amended by redesignating subdivision (B) as subdivision (C), and inserting the following language as a new subdivision (B):

In any case in which a petitioner’s juvenile record contains convictions solely for unruly adjudications or delinquency adjudications for offenses that would be misdemeanors if committed by an adult, the juvenile court shall expunge all court files and records after one (1) year from the child’s completion of and discharge from any probation or conditions of supervision, upon petition by the child. The court shall inform the child, at the time of adjudication, of the need to petition for expunction after a year from the successful completion of probation and provide the child with a model expunction petition prepared by the administrative office of the courts. The administrative office of the courts shall create a petition that can be completed by a child and shall circulate the petition to all juvenile court clerks. All juvenile court clerks shall make this model expunction petition accessible to all petitioners.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.